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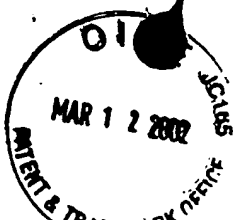
1. See the "Background of Invention" section on pages 1-2 in the specification of this patent application.

2. In late 1999, the Canadian company iCraveTV began delivering US network television programming via a WWW page. They sought to exploit a loophole in Canadian copyright law that, in iCraveTV's opinion, gave them the right to freely distribute any television content to all Canadian viewers if the same content were available over the air to any Canadian viewer. They employed a "screening" mechanism of requiring users to supply a Canadian telephone area code to gain entry to the site.

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